IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 5, 7, 9, 15, 17, 19 and 21 as shown in the attached Appendix. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

5. (Five Times Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a detector that detects, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

a search unit that searches for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said detector detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found by said search unit.

7. (Five Times Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a detector that detects, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

an inferring unit that infers a destination of a user based on a user's schedule when said detector detects that the user is about to depart;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the destination of the user when said detector detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the destination of the user.

9. (Five Times Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a detector that detects, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing the apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

an inferring unit that infers a person with whom the user is scheduled to meet based on a user's schedule when said detector detects that the user is about to depart;

a search unit that searches for a pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet when said detector detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet.

15. (Five Times Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

a detection step of detecting, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said detecting step detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined time when the pending task is found in said searching step.

17. (Five Times Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

a detecting step of detecting, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

an inferring step of inferring a destination of a user based on a user's schedule when said detecting step detects that the user is about to depart;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the destination of the user when said detecting step detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the destination of the user.

19. (Five Times Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

a detecting step of detecting, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

an inferring step of inferring a person with whom the user is scheduled to meet based on a user's schedule when said detecting step detects that the user is about to depart;

a searching step of searching for a pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet when said detecting step detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet.

21. (Five Times Amended) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for controlling a computer, the program comprising the steps of:

a detection step of detecting, in response to an ending instruction from a user for instructing an information processing apparatus to terminate a current operation, that the user is about to depart from being present at the information processing apparatus;

a searching step of searching for a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe when said detecting step detects that the user is about to depart; and

a notification step of notifying the user of the pending task to be performed within the predetermined timeframe when the pending task is found in said searching step.

23. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a schedule storage, for storing a plurality of pending tasks;

an entry adder, that adds a new task to said schedule storage;

a search unit that searches said schedule storage for a pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notifier that notifies the user of the pending task relevant to the new task.

24. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task relevant to a location where the new task is to be performed.

25. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task relevant to a person related to the new task.

26. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein said search unit searches a pending task to be performed subsequent to the new task.

28. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method comprising:

an addition step, of adding a new task to a schedule memory for storing a plurality of pending tasks;

a search step, of searching the schedule memory for a pending task relevant to the new task when said entry adder adds the new task; and

a notification step, of notifying the user of the pending task relevant to the new task.

29. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task relevant to a location where the new task is to be performed.

30. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task relevant to a person related to the new task.

31. (Not Changed From Prior Version) An information processing method according to Claim 28, wherein, in said search step, a search is performed for a pending task to be performed subsequent to the new task.